

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 300

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Janelyn Knowles upon being named Hospital Management Associates' Manager of the Year.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's nurses make invaluable contributions to the quality of our lives and provide us with the finest medical care, bringing to bear in each case their knowledge, skill, training, and compassion, and offering healing and hope to those under their expert care; and

WHEREAS, Janelyn Knowles is one such self-sacrificing individual who, because of her stalwart dedication to providing the best possible medical care to those in need, was honored as Hospital Management Associates' Manager of the Year on March 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles has lent her professional talents to University Medical Center in Lebanon and prior to that, McFarland Hospital, for thirty illustrious years, twenty-one of those years as clinical director of pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school in 1977, she procured her first job at McFarland Hospital as a nursing technician on the med surg unit, while attending nursing school; and

WHEREAS, following her graduation from nursing school, Janelyn Knowles transferred to the pediatrics unit and discovered an immense satisfaction in participating in the recovery of sick children; and

WHEREAS, a certified pediatric nurse trained in pediatric emergency nursing, Ms. Knowles has managed the pediatric nursing unit for more than twenty-two years, serving as interim director of nursing for McFarland in 1991 and successfully leading the team through a Joint Commission Survey; she ably coordinated the relocation of the pediatric unit from McFarland to University Medical Center in 1992; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating great leadership acumen, Janelyn Knowles has supervised many projects, including patient satisfaction initiatives, mentoring and shadowing programs, MAR, and the successful implementation of Safe Scan; and

WHEREAS, she lent her expertise as a nurse recruiter for several years and achieved recognition as one of the top ten nurse recruiters in 2001; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Knowles was awarded the 2003 Superstar Award for exceptional dedication to nursing and has received numerous WOW awards; and

WHEREAS, her many professional achievements aside, Ms. Knowles also contributes to her community as a member of the Cumberland University adjunct staff, Lebanon Jaycees, and Lebanon Business and Professional Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to those all around her, Ms. Knowles serves on medical missions to aid the most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as clinical director of pediatrics, Janelyn Knowles has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, colleagues hold nurse Janelyn Knowles up as a shining example of excellence in nursing, as someone who has exemplary clinical judgment, compassion for the patient, and an unwavering loyalty to helping people; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Janelyn Knowles should be recognized for her many years of service as a caring and committed nursing professional; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Janelyn Knowles upon being named Hospital Management Associates' Manager of the Year, thank her for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our appreciation for her commitment to the true spirit of nurse management and patient care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.